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Applicant : Jason B. Elledge Attorney Docket No.: 500188.03
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Title : APPARATUS FOR IN-SITU OPTICAL ENDPOINTING ON WEB-FORMAT
PLANARIZING MACHINES IN MECHANICAL OR CHEMICAL-MECHANICAL
PLANARIZATION OF MICROELECTRONIC-DEVICE SUBSTRATE ASSEMBLIES
AND METHODS FOR MAKING AND USING SAME



INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

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Sir:

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.56 and 1.97 through 1.98, applicant wishes to make known to the Patent and Trademark Office the references set forth on the attached form PTO-1449. This application relies, under 35 U.S.C. § 120, on the earlier filing date of prior Application No. 09/300,358, filed April 26, 1999. The references listed on the attached Form PTO-1449 were submitted to and/or cited by the Patent and Trademark Office in this prior application and, therefore, are not required to be provided in this application. If the Examiner wishes, copies will be provided upon request. Although the aforesaid references are made known to the Patent and Trademark Office in compliance with applicant's duty to disclose all information he is aware of which is believed relevant to the examination of the above-identified application, applicant believes that his invention is patentable.

Applicant also wishes to make known to the Patent and Trademark Office that an application, Serial No. 09/616,794, describing and claiming subject matter that is similar to the subject matter of this application, was filed on July 14, 2000. This related application, which is a

divisional of above-referenced Application No. 09/300,358, filed April 26, 1999, as well as any prior art cited therein, may be material to the examination of this application.

Please acknowledge receipt of this Information Disclosure Statement and kindly make the cited references of record in the above-identified application.

Respectfully submitted,

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